

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Capacity Building for Disaster Management

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the budget allocated for capacity building for disaster management from 2012-13 to 2017-18;
- (b) whether there is under-utilisation of the funds allocated for building capital infrastructure for disaster management and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures taken by the Ministry to improve the disaster preparedness; and
- (d) whether the Ministry has launched training programme, 'Apada Mitra' and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a): The primary responsibility of disaster management rests with the States, and the Central Government supplements the efforts of State Governments/Union Territories. Further, as per Section 36 of the Disaster Management Act, every Ministry of the Central Government is required to take necessary measures for disaster management including capacity building.

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Details of budget allocated by State Government and other Central Ministries are not maintained in this Ministry. The budget allocated by this Ministry from 2012-13 to 2017-18 under different schemes/programmes, which directly or indirectly cater to capacity building for disaster management are given at Annexure-I.

(b): The utilization of funds under various schemes of this Ministry for building capital infrastructure in disaster management during 2015-16 and 2016-17 is more than 85%. However, the schemes are closely monitored to ensure full utilization of fund.

(c) As per Section 36 of the Disaster Management Act, every Ministry of the Central Government is required to take necessary measures for disaster management including disaster preparedness. Some of the major measures taken by this Ministry for improving disaster preparedness are:

- i. Release of National Disaster Management Plan in 2016.
- ii. Publication of 22 guidelines on different disasters by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).
- iii. Setting up of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) for prompt response and pre-positioning of NDRF in disaster vulnerable areas and pre-position them across various vulnerable locations in the country.

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- iv. Encouraging States to set-up their own State Disaster Response Forces.
- v. Strengthening of State and District Disaster Management systems through various schemes of central government.
- vi. Construction of multi-purpose cyclone shelters and training of coastal communities on shelters during 2011-2020.
- vii. Conducting mock drills and workshops for effectively responding to disasters.
- viii. Carrying out capacity building of disaster professionals and communities by NDMA, NDRF and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM).
- ix. Organizing Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners and Secretaries of the Department of Disaster Management of States and Union Territories to review their status of preparedness for dealing with any natural disasters.

(d): The Government of India has launched "Apada Mitra" scheme for training 6000 Community Volunteers in disaster response in 30 most flood prone districts (200 volunteers per district) of 25 States in India at a total outlay of Rs.15.07 crore. The scheme aims to provide the community volunteers with the skills that they would need to respond to their community's immediate need in the aftermath of a disaster and enable them

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to undertake basic relief and rescue tasks in emergency situations like floods, flash-floods and urban flooding. As on 03.08.2017, Rs 6.81 crore has been released to all 25 project states under this programme.
